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1. Information obtained from a prominent Communist intellectual in Habana indicates that the Soviet Intelligence Service is extremely busy in the Caribbean and South American Atlantic coastal areas in an effort to fulfill the intelligence directives sent to them from their headquarters.

2. According to source, the Latin American Communists have been directed as follows:

   a. To find out the secret plans of cooperation between the navies of the United States, Venezuela, Brazil and the Caribbean nations for the purpose of uncovering the defense plans of the oil lifeline between the United States and the oil-producing areas.

   b. To ascertain the locations of new and secret airfields in the areas which are of particular interest to the USSR.

3. Source stated that the scope of this assignment is very great and "hundreds" of agents, many of whom are natives of the areas concerned, reportedly have been recruited for this work. Although the USSR is supposed to be preparing for a long peace period, the Soviets feel that they cannot overlook the "feverish war preparations" being made by the United States and must, therefore, take proper measures of their own.

4. Present Soviet plans, source stated, are to carry out large-scale submarine warfare in the Caribbean and Alaskan waters at the outbreak of US--USSR hostilities. These areas will be the axis of the Soviet attempt to cut the United States completely off from Asia and Latin America.

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